

His excellency, Governor Daniel D. Tompkins, issued the following order to the militia of the state :

“ State of New York, General Orders.  
“ Head-quarters, Albany, 22 February, 1815.

“ The commander-in-chief announces with the most heartfelt satisfaction to the militia of the state of New York the ratification of a treaty of peace between the United States and Great Britain.

“ In congratulating them on this auspicious event he cannot withhold an expression of his praise and gratitude for the promptitude and fidelity with which they have on all occasions obeyed those various calls for service in defence of the state, which its safety compelled him to make. While he applauds their soldier-like deportment in arms and their fortitude, which they have evinced under the sufferings and privations of war, he cannot but hope that the accomplishment of an honorable peace, the smiles of an approving conscience, and the gratitude of a virtuous and patriotic people, will be regarded by them as an ample reward for their many sacrifices.

“ The commander-in-chief is especially charged by the president of the United States to convey to the militia of this state his thanks for the patriotism, zeal, and perseverance so eminently displayed by them in defence of the rights of their country.”<sup>1</sup>

Among the memorable events which many of the surviving soldiers of the war of the Revolution regarded with gratified pride was the visit of the Marquis de Lafayette to the United States, in 1824. The distinguished French general was then sixty-seven years old, and was greeted by them with the heartiest evidences of respect and esteem. The different cities and villages which had the honor of hospitably entertaining him and his suite enthusiastically vied with one another in manifesting their joy in having him participate in the festivities and parades they had inaugurated to express their gratitude and reverence for him the nation's guest.

None of the veterans of the war of the Revolution was more delighted to have the opportunity of personally welcoming General Lafayette than General Jacobus Swartwout, who, although at that time was entering upon the ninetyeth year of his age, gladly journeyed from Swartwoutville to Poughkeepsie to renew the intimacy which he and the affable and courteous marquis had formed while he was occupying as his head-quarters the Brinckerhoff homestead, in sight of General Swartwout's farm, in the town of Fishkill.

<sup>1</sup> New York city and vicinity during the war of 1812-15. By R. S. Guernsey, vol. ii., pp. 163, 208, 210; 218-221; 245, 249, 250, 251, 293-296; 306, 322, 328, 330, 331, 333, 370, 371, 382, 386, 462, 467, 471, 472, 481, 482.